

3 ABSTRACT

4 A filter system having individual compartments, a removable filter rack in each  
5 compartment, and an array of filter elements positioned in candle housing that are moveable into  
6 and out of the filter racks. Each compartment has an independent set of dirty oil inlets, clean oil  
7 outlets, overflow outlets, and air purge inlets, and is fluidly separated from adjacent  
8 compartments by the interior walls of the frame. Each rack may be disengaged from the various  
9 pipes and removed from the frame without disengaging the racks in adjoining compartments. As  
10 a result, the filter elements may be serviced without having to take the entire system off-line.